GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1213
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SMUGGLING OF WEAPONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that latest weapons are being smuggled into India by Pakistan through the neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether the border areas of the country are being used by the smugglers for their anti-national activities;

(d) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to strengthen borders and alert surveillance along border to check smuggling of arms; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a),(b)&(c): Intelligence inputs indicate that Pak ISI is behind smuggling of arms through neighbouring countries.

(d)&(e): The Government has undertaken the work of strengthening of borders by various measures such as fencing, floodlighting, construction of border roads etc. Creek area of Gujarat Sector is also being strengthened.Besides, all the concerned agencies such as Coast Guard, Customs, border-guarding forces have been alerted to conduct intensive patrolling along the border areas to check smuggling of arms.